Remarks:

Claims 1, 3-4, and 34-38 were currently pending with claims 1, 34 and 37 being independent.

Claims 1, 34, and 37 have been amended, claims 4 and 36 have been cancelled and no claims have been added by way of this paper. Therefore, claims 1, 3, and 34, 35, 37, and 38 are currently pending with claims 1, 34 and 37 being independent.

Objection to Claims 4 and 36

In the Office Action dated December 7, 2009, the Examiner indicated that claims 4 and 36 would be allowable if written in independent form, but objected to them for being dependent on a rejected base claim. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 34 to include the limitations of claims 4 and 36. Therefore, claims 1 and 34 include the contents of claims 4 and 36 and their corresponding base claims in independent form, as indicated by the examiner. Thus, these claims should be in condition for allowance.

Similarly, the Applicant has amended claim 37 to include a similar limitation. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 37 should also be in condition for allowance.

The remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 1, 34 and 37 and should also be in condition for allowance.

Conclusion

For at least the reasons set forth above, applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 3, and 34, 35, 37, and 38 are now in allowable condition and requests a Notice of Allowance. In the event of further questions, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this amendment should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

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